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WILL AWARD MEDAL TO MRS. PERRY AT THE FAIR

Impressive Ceremony Commemorating Heroism of
Pasquotank Soldier To Be Feature of Armistice
Day at The Elizabeth City Fair

Another unusual government attraction will come to the Elizabeth City District Fair, Nov. 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15. The War Department has assigned the "I Cross Five" to the Elizabeth City Fair. "The I Cross Five" is an organization of three officers and 2 uniformed soldiers. They have a fourteen piece military band and a baseball team travel in their own trucks, camp on the fair grounds, furnish music on occasion and will play baseball with any team in northeastern North Carolina that dares to challenge.

The "I Cross Five" is a recruiting organization but the Fair needed their brass band and there is always a demand here for ball players. Secretary Case persuaded the War Department to let Elizabeth City have that "I Cross Five" for the Fair. No one seems to know what "I Cross Five" means, but maybe that will be explained in time.

Arrangements have also been concluded for an impressive ceremony on Tuesday Nov. 11, Armistice Day and the opening day of the Fair. The War Department will on that occasion present a distinguished Service Medal to Mrs. Mary L. Perry of Okisko, whose son Seth Perry was killed in action in France while carrying out an order requiring unusual daring and bravery. The medal will be presented by Col. A. V. P. Anderson who will come to Elizabeth City from Washington, D. C. for the occasion. This will be the only distinguished service medal to have been awarded in this county and this event alone makes an impressive feature of attraction for the first day of the Fair.

The addition of \$600 in purses for the races, bringing the total purses up to \$3,200.00, has created something of a sensation in racing circles. No fair in eastern North Carolina ever before offered such purses. There will be three races daily with the exception of the opening day. Here is the program:

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11	
2:30 Trot—Purse	\$300.00
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12	
2:15 Pace—Purse	\$400.00
2:15 Trot—Purse	\$200.00
3:4 Mile Dash (best 2 in 3 heats)	
Purse	\$125.00
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13	
Free for all Trot or Pace—Purse	\$500.00
2:15 Pace—Purse	\$200.00
1 Mile Dash (hurdles)—Purse	\$150.00
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14	
2:20 Trot—Purse	\$400.00
District race, Trot or Pace, records not better than 2:50.	
No entrance fee. Purse	\$100.00
3:4 Mile Dash (best 2 in 3 heats)	
Purse	\$125.00
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15	
2:15 Trot—Purse	\$400.00
2:15 Pace—Purse	\$200.00
3:4 Mile Dash (best 2 in 3 heats)	
Purse	\$100.00
All entries close Thursday, November 14, at 11 o'clock, p. m. Horses called promptly each day at 1:00 o'clock. Races start at 1:30 p. m.	

FORK SCHOOL STARTS WITH GOOD ATTENDANCE

With an opening enrollment of 56 pupils, 27 boys and 29 girls, the Fork School, R. F. D. 3, City, began the session of 1919-1920 last Monday. The teachers for this year are Ralph Pool, principal, Misses Carrie and Eula Pappalardo, assistants. The work of this school, which is a special tax county high school, will this year include the tenth grade. New equipment has been bought and will soon be installed, whereby it is hoped to make the work of the school more effective, and it is planned this fall to set out suitable shade trees on the school grounds, protected in such a way that the danger of damage to them by stock and trespassers will be practically eliminated. The enrollment for the opening week is the largest for any first week in the history of the school.

FOR SALE:—Used tubes all sizes. Repairing and in good condition. THE SERVICE GARAGE, Deans & Winder, Hinton Block, Phone 1029.

ELIZABETH CITY HEARD MEEKINS

Home Man Captures Audience
That National Figures Could-
n't Attract

Elizabeth City that wouldn't give half an audience to Speaker Champ Clark, Vice President Marshall and Senator Jim Reed, packed the Alkruma Theatre Sunday afternoon with one of the most intelligent audiences that could be got together, to hear Elizabeth City's own distinguished citizen Col. Isaac M. Meekins say what he had to say about the Covenant of the League of Nations.

Col. Meekins was in good form Sunday afternoon and made a forceful speech. He spoke under the auspices of the Elizabeth City Housewives' League. Classing himself as one in favor of the League of Nations with explanations or reservations, he proceeded to show clearly and convincingly the dangers to the sovereignty of America in accepting every article of the League Covenant as now written. He received a volume of applause when he declared that any man who stood for Article X without reservations should be willing to shoulder a gun or send his sons to any part of the world whenever some foreign council should conclude that some foreign power needed military aid.

The speaker pointed to the fact that nowhere in the Covenant of the League of Nations is war denounced as illegal or immoral and he couldn't understand why a League to establish peace on earth and good will to all men should require greater armies and greater navies than before. He thought the covenants would have shown greater faith and been more entitled to our confidence had they resolutely made a considerable reduction of armaments at the outset.

Col. Meekins declared his opinion that the Covenant of the League of Nations harbors the seed of countless future wars and predicted that the German people would resent the terms of peace by force of arms as soon as Germany is rehabilitated.

He said it was all very well for America to want to assume the role of protector to every weak and needy nation on earth, but that it is an expensive game to play, as indicated by the cost of our recent effort in making the world safe for Belgium, France and England. He indicated that the American public might eventually rebel against the expense of such highly expensive humanitarianism. A hot and sultry afternoon had no effect on the audience, which stayed with the speaker until the end of his address, applauding his patriotic oration vigorously and with enthusiasm.

212 PER CENT INCREASE PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP

Revaluation of This Township Helps Put
Pasquotank in Better Light

The report of the Board of Appraisers of Pasquotank county on the revaluation of property in Providence Township will raise the percentage of increase under revaluation in Pasquotank. With only Newland township heard from last week, Pasquotank stood at the foot of the list in this district, with an increase of only 100 per cent; the lowest increase made by any county in the district. Values in Providence township show an increase of 212 per cent.

Here are the figures from the office of District Supervisor P. H. Williams. Acres appraised under revaluation 13,231. Acres listed in 1917 13,974, showing a loss of 743 acres. The value given in 1917 was \$13,974. The appraisers' value under revaluation is \$572,799, a gain of \$389,105, or 212 per cent.

WHEN DICK OWENS FELL INTO THE TICKET BOX

Marshall's Minstrels Provided Free Seats
for Mr. Owens' Many Friends

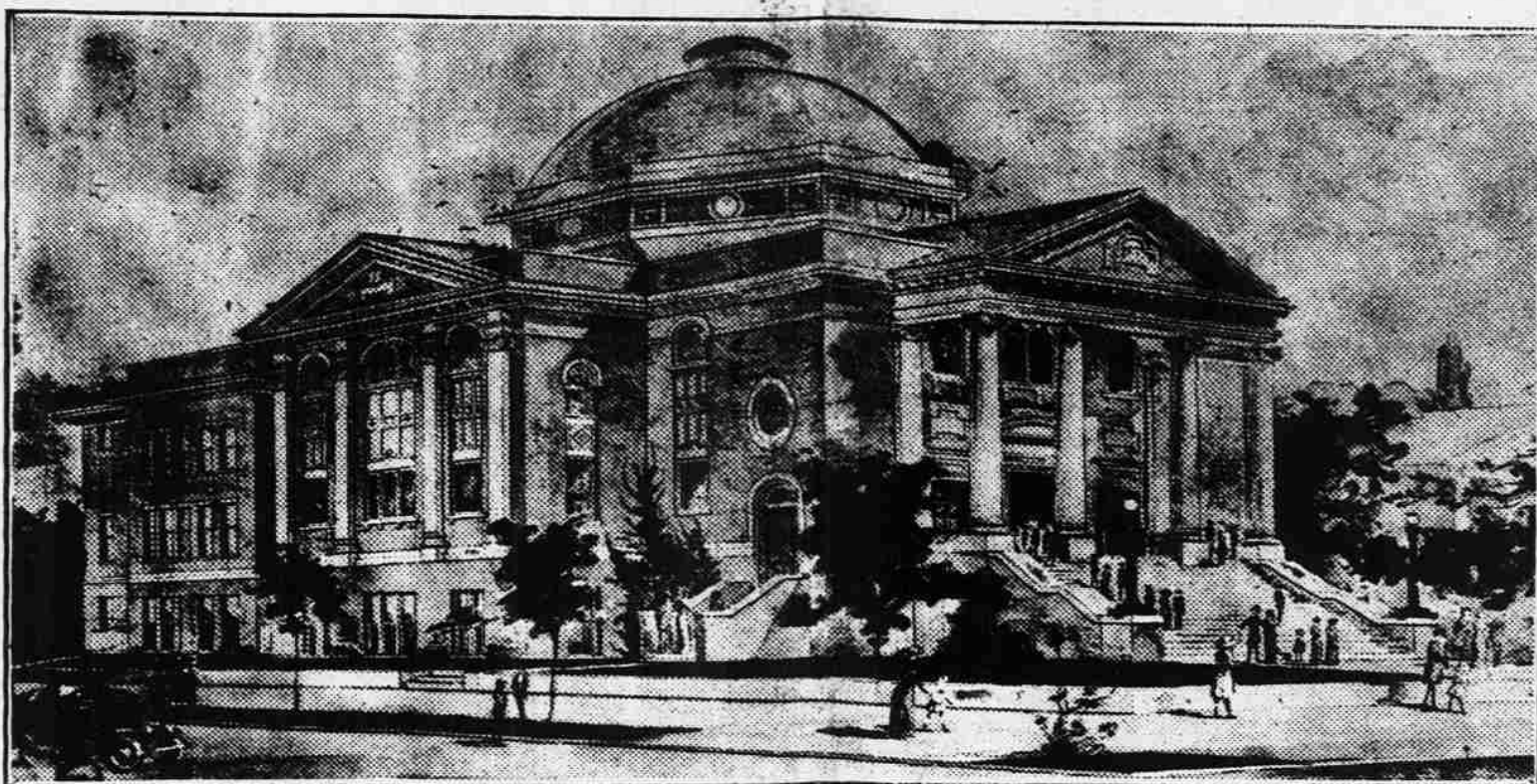
One of the showmen with Leon Marshall's Minstrels which showed in Elizabeth City Monday night made a mistake when he tried to get rough with Dick Owens, a well known Elizabeth City boy. Young Mr. Owens got in the showman's way and the showman gave him a rude shove which landed Owens into the ticket box. Owens pulled himself out of the ticket box with both hands full of tickets which he obligingly handed out to the crowd at the front entrance. Probably a hundred bystanders had gained admission on these tickets before the manager of the show got onto what had happened.

MORE COTTON GINNED

There were 1,246 bales of cotton ginned in Pasquotank county, from the crop of 1919 prior to October 18, 1919, as compared with 461 bales ginned to October 18, 1918.

There were 1,250 bales of cotton ginned in Camden county, from the crop of 1919 prior to October 18, 1919, as compared with 277 bales ginned to October 18, 1918. The figures are furnished by N. A. Jones, Special Agent.

Will Be City's Handsomest House of Worship



THE above illustration is from the architect's drawing of the new First M. E. Church South, now in process of construction in this city. Since the drawing was made the building committee of the church has called for a revision of the plans which will make the Sunday School Department in the rear of the church quite as imposing as the front perspective. But for the exception of changes in the Sunday School department, the new house of worship when completed will be as represented in the picture. The building will cost \$100,000 or more and will be the best equipped house of worship occupied by any Southern Methodist congregation.

ROAD BUILDING WELL UNDER WAY

Higgs Denies Lie Concerning the
Cost of Weeksville Highway

Reports that the Pasquotank Highway Commission will expend the entire bond issue of \$500,000 in the construction of one highway from Elizabeth City to Weeksville, is calmly denied this week by County Road Engineer T. L. Higgs. Work on the Elizabeth City-Weeksville Highway is now under way and, basing his estimate upon the cost of the work so far completed, Engineer Higgs says the cost of this piece of road will come within his original estimate of \$200,000.

Work on the Weeksville Highway is now proceeding in good shape after weeks of unavoidable delay, due to slow shipments of gravel and other material. A short section of the road just completed at Weeksville gives some idea of the smoothness, strength and permanency of the type of road which is being built.

Irresponsible parties, subsidized by crooked politicians, have tried to discredit the work of the Pasquotank Highway Commission and the air has been filled with false statements and misinformation concerning the road building in Pasquotank. The work, now under way, will speak for itself within a few weeks.

BUY SEVENTY SEVEN VILLA HEIGHTS LOTS

Spencer, Thompson and Wilson to Develop Desirable Property

One of the biggest local real estate deals of the year was closed this week when E. F. Spencer, C. E. Thompson and J. Kenyon Wilson, trading as Spencer, Thompson & Wilson, purchased 77 lots of the Villa Heights subdivision from J. E. Commander.

The lots purchased are on Cherry, Oak and Holly Streets, just north of West Main St., in one of the most desirable sections of the city. Messrs. Thompson, Spencer & Wilson will put these lots on the market at an early date. It is their intention to offer them to small investors and prospective home builders on easy terms.

AUTHORITY TO MOVE COLLEGE IS TRUSTEES

Trustees of Chowan College Empowered
to Sell Property at Murfreesboro
if Deemed Advisable

The two Baptist associations of northeastern North Carolina in joint session at Seaboard, N. C. on Tuesday, October 28, adopted a resolution authorizing the Board of Trustees of Chowan College to do whatever they think advisable to promote the best interest of the college with respect to its removal from the town of Murfreesboro. Should they decide to move the college, they are empowered to sell the present property of the college to the best advantage. Delegates attending from this association—Chowan to west Chowan—were, Rev. H. K. Williams, J. G. Gregory, P. S. Vann and C. A. Cooke of Elizabeth City; Rev. G. P. Harrel, Belcross, W. W. Sawyer, Columbia, and Rev. A. A. Butler of Center Hill.

JENNETTE—CULPEPPER

Miss Margaret Culpepper, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Culpepper, of this city, was married to Mr. Warren H. Jennette, Wednesday afternoon. The wedding was at the home of the bride's parents on Pennsylvania Ave. Miss Culpepper is one of Elizabeth City's most popular young women, prominent socially and in religious circles. Mr. Jennette is the senior member of the wholesale produce firm of Jennette Bros. Co., of this city, and one of the city's best known and most substantial business men. Mr. and Mrs. Jennette are taking their honeymoon in eastern cities and will be at home on West Main St. after Nov. 15, 1919.

FOR SALE:—25 head of hogs; will weigh on average 75 pounds each. Apply to LEM BROWN, Belcross, N. C. p081-1t.

OPPORTUNITY FOR LOCAL MERCHANTS

Fair week in Elizabeth City, Nov. 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 offers an unusual opportunity to Elizabeth City merchants to increase their sales and lasting friendship among the thousands of visitors who will throng the city. It is an opportunity also to renew many an old acquaintance and spread good will, the greatest asset that can be possessed by any business or any community.

Most of the people who come to the Fair week after next will be people who read this newspaper. The only way the local merchant can meet these good folk on their way and welcome them into the city is through the advertising columns of this newspaper. Every progressive, wide awake house in Elizabeth City should extend the glad hand thru the advertising columns of this newspaper next week. THE INDEPENDENT is prepared to carry your message and will publish next week just as big a paper as you will stand for if you will co-operate by making reservation for advertising space, now this week. Don't wait till next week when all space in next week's edition will be oversold.

TWO PASQUOTANK BOYS WON AT STATE FAIR

Corn Club Showing at State Fair Not So Good, But Pasquotank Was on the Job

Teddy Nichols of Purlair, North Carolina, in Wilkes County, had the best ten ear club exhibit of corn at the State Fair, winning first place in the exhibit from the mountain counties, and third place in the sweepstakes contest open to both adults and children from over the entire State. Wayne Monday of Weaverville, in Buncombe County, won third prize in the exhibits from the mountain counties.

In the Coastal Plain counties, William Sanders of Weeksville, in Pasquotank County, won first prize; Cecil Brake of Rocky Mount, in Edgecombe County, won second and Herman R. White, of Elizabeth City, in Pasquotank County won third.

For the Piedmont Section, Hugh Leonard of Lexington, in Davidson County, won first prize for the best exhibit of corn from this section. E. P. Roberts of Stem, in Granville County, won second prize, and Henry Baker of Newton, in Catawba County, won third prize.

According to S. J. Kirby, specialist in Crop Clubs, who had charge of this department for the State Fair, the exhibits made by the club boys this year were not up to their usual standard, due, in a large measure, to a poor growing season. The clubs had only about 100 exhibits of corn this year.

MRS. HATTIE BAILEY

Mrs. Hattie Bailey died at the home of her son, Kenyon Bailey, on Riverside Avenue, this city, this morning. Funeral arrangements had not been completed when this newspaper went to press.

NOTICE ADVERTISERS!

The volume of advertising carried by this newspaper is constantly increasing. It is not advisable as yet to increase the size of this paper. We are endeavoring to keep it down to 12 pages, which is then the equivalent of 15 pages of the average home paper. This means that from week to week we are compelled to turn down advertising copy that comes in as late as Wednesday. Advertisers who want space in this newspaper are urged to get their copy into this office on Monday or Tuesday of the week of publication when possible. When not possible to do this, kindly arrange for space to be held for you. And for the love of Mike, don't ask us "When do you get to press?" We would never go to press if every advertiser waited until press day to bring his copy in.

STORES ARE NOW CLOSING EARLY

Elizabeth City Retail Stores
Close at 9 o'clock Saturday
Nights, 5:30 Other Days

Elizabeth City retail stores now close at 5:30 o'clock every afternoon except Saturday and will close at 9 o'clock Saturday nights. The hours have heretofore been 10 o'clock Saturday nights and 6 o'clock on other days.

This action upon the part of the merchants was taken Monday night at a meeting of the Merchants Association and went into effect Tuesday. For the public it simply means do your shopping a little earlier. For the merchants and their sales people it means better hours and more freedom.

FAIR TO TAKE CARE OF FARM PRODUCTS

Board of Directors Authorize Secretary
Case to Make Room For Agricultural Features

The Albemarle Agricultural Association will make ample provisions to house all agricultural, horticultural, dairy, canning club and other farm and home exhibits at the big fair, to be held at Elizabeth City Nov. 11 to 15. This announcement was authorized yesterday by Secretary Case who has been given full authority by the Board of Directors to make more room for exhibits, even if it is necessary to secure the loan of a big water-proof Chautauqua tent at an expense of \$350.

This announcement will revive the enthusiasm of those who were interested in making of this fair a truly great agricultural exposition. In undertaking to give northeastern North Carolinians a fair five years ahead of all expectations, Secretary Case found two weeks ago that practically all of the space in the exposition building had been taken for big government educational, agricultural and military exhibits, leaving no room for an exposition of our own resources. To overcome this more room will be provided.

(advertisement)

MRS. WOOTEN COMING ELIZABETH CITY AND EDENTON

Mrs. Bayard Wooten, specialist in home photography, will be open for appointments in both Elizabeth City and Edenton next week. Elizabeth City people desiring an appointment with Mrs. Wooten should phone Mrs. Saunders, Phone 284 or 572. Edenton people can see samples of Mrs. Wooten's work and leave their name and address at Leggett's Drug Store.

(advertisement)

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Optometrist
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MARGARET SANGER WILL LECTURE HERE SUNDAY

Founder of The Family Limitation Movement To
Make Her First Appearance In
Any Southern City

SHE LECTURES SUNDAY



MRS. MARGARET SANGER
HERE then is a reproduction of a recent photograph of Mrs. Margaret Sanger, the woman who hopes to emancipate her sex by making parenthood voluntary and not a matter of accident and mishap. She will lecture at the Alkruma Theatre in this city at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon. No charge will be made for admission.

RED CROSS ROLL CALL BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY

Pasquotank Called Upon for \$5,000,
Mostly for Home Work

The Red Cross Roll Call Campaign begins on Sunday, the 2nd of November, and will close on November 11th, Armistice Day. When the Red Cross expects to celebrate the first anniversary of victory by going over the top with the largest number of members that the Red Cross has had, and with Fifteen Millions of Dollars of subscriptions for relief work. This is the program of the National Red Cross.

Pasquotank is called upon to supply only sixteen hundred dollars of this sum. The Local Chapter of the Red Cross has, however, another program of relief. Work in foreign lands has heretofore consumed practically all of the time and attention of the Red Cross, but now that the war is over attention is to be given to things at home. The Local Chapter realizes that with another Influenza epidemic almost staring us in the face, there will be untold suffering this winter among our own people. The Chapter has, therefore, determined to ask the people of Pasquotank County for the sum of Five Thousand Dollars out of this. Our quota of sixteen hundred will be paid to the Red Cross, the balance will be devoted to relief work among our people.

RUBINOW WILL ADDRESS COTTON FARMERS HERE

Director of the N. C. Division of the
American Assn. Here Saturday

S. G. Rubinow, director of the North Carolina Division of the American Cotton Association, will speak to the members of the Pasquotank branch of the Association at the Court House in this city Saturday afternoon, Nov. 1, at 2 o'clock.

While Mr. Rubinow comes to speak at a meeting of the Association all farmers and business men, whether members or not, are urged to hear him. Mr. Rubinow will tell the cotton growers what has already been done to advance the price of cotton and will give them some eye opening facts as to what is being done to boost the price still higher.

POLICE TELL GYPSIES TO MOVE OUT AND ON

Why The Authorities Let Such Trash
Stop at All Ought to be Explained

"Move on," is the order given by the Elizabeth City police to a band of 15 or 20 Gypsies who pitched their tents on the outskirts of the city this week. These Gypsies have been an endless source of annoyance to the Elizabeth City public. They are a dirty, bothersome, vagrant lot, having no visible means of support except their women who prowl the streets and pose as fortune tellers. Why the authorities permit such filthy, undesirable vagrants to linger an hour in a community is a little hard to understand.

Bird Trials.
It is said to be an established fact that several kinds of birds, crows in particular, hold trials to judge one of their number which has in some way offended.

Mrs. Margaret Sanger, whose crusade for voluntary parenthood has made her internationally famous, will lecture at the Alkruma Theatre in Elizabeth City at 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Nov. 2. Her subject will be "Woman's Place in the Twentieth Century." In this lecture Mrs. Sanger will tell her Elizabeth City audience something of her experience in this country and abroad in her fight for the repeal of laws in conflict with the idea of family limitation or birth control.

This will be Mrs. Sanger's first visit to the south and Elizabeth City will be the first city in the south to hear her. Several months ago Mrs. Sanger met W. O. Saunders in New York City. She manifested an interest in the south and said she hoped some day to make a tour of the southern states.

"Come to Elizabeth City," said Mr. Saunders, "and I will have an audience for you." Mrs. Sanger agreed then and there to come.

There will be no charge for Sunday's lecture. W. O. Saunders has guaranteed Mrs. Sanger's expenses and will accept any free offering to help defray these expenses but no one should stay away from the lecture on that account.

The women of Elizabeth City will have an opportunity Sunday to see and hear one of their own sex who has devoted her life to the emancipation of women and braved the jails of two continents in carrying her message to the world. Her wonderful personality, her keen intellect, her absolute fearlessness and her personal purity have won for her the admiration and esteem of all who have come in contact with her.

After the lecture Sunday afternoon Mrs. Sanger will hold a reception for women only and those desiring information as to where to obtain books and literature on the Voluntary Parenthood movement can obtain such information from Mrs. Sanger at that time.

Before announcing Mrs. Sanger's appearance in Elizabeth City W. O. Saunders personally interviewed several physicians and ministers and asked them if they thought there would be any objection to Mrs. Sanger's appearance here. There was none, but the precaution was taken because there is always some one to protest against any new idea or any departure from the rut of conventionalism. Ministers and physicians generally will hear Mrs. Sanger with peculiar interest because she represents a movement which they are trying to understand.

EDENTON FAIR DRAWS UNUSUALLY BIG CROWDS

Edenton's Asphalt Streets Make a Hit
With Thousands of Visitors

The Chowan Fair at Edenton is attracting crowds to that town this week, such as Edenton has never seen before. The nine miles of wide newly paved asphalt streets especially have attracted automobiles from far and near. Those excellent streets and a genuinely good fair are making the right sort of impression on visitors. The weather for the Edenton Fair has been ideal.

The Chowan Fair, like most eastern North Carolina fairs, is sadly wanting however, in one important particular; it does not faithfully represent the agricultural and other natural resources of its territory. The exhibits at the Chowan Fair are not what they should be and do not begin to give the visitor an idea of the wonderful farms, fisheries and back country that have made Edenton one of the most prosperous and substantial towns in the state.

BALLOON BURNS UP

The balloon to have made ascensions at the Edenton Fair caught fire while being filled for its first ascension on the Edenton Fair grounds Wednesday and went up in smoke.